

HOUSE BILL 421
By Jones, S.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19, relative to physician assistants and orthopedic physician assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-103(c), is amended by deleting the words and figures "fifty dollars (\$50.00)" and by substituting instead the words and figures "one hundred dollars (\$100)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(4), is amended by deleting the semicolon ";" at the end of that subdivision, placing a period "." after the word "Association", and adding the following words and punctuation at the end of that subdivision:

The committee may, in its discretion, waive or modify the continuing medical education requirement in cases of retirement, illness, disability or other undue hardship;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(7), is amended by deleting the period "." after the word "case" at the end of the second sentence and by adding the following words and punctuation to that sentence:

, including the costs incurred and assessed for the time of the prosecuting attorney(s), the investigator(s) and any other persons involved in the investigation, prosecution and hearing of the case.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(7), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of that subdivision:

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The committee may limit, restrict or impose one (1) or more conditions on a license at the time it is issued, renewed or reinstated, or as a sanction imposed at the conclusion of a disciplinary hearing.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19, Parts 1 and 2, are amended by deleting the word “certification” wherever it appears and by substituting instead the word “licensure”, and are further amended by deleting the words “certify” and “certificate” wherever they appear and by substituting instead the word “license”, and are further amended by deleting the word “certified” wherever it appears and by substituting instead the word “licensed”. Notwithstanding the language of the previous sentence, the word “certified” shall not be changed to “licensed” where it first appears in the first sentence of Section 63-19-105(b)(1), where it appears in the second sentence of Section 63-19-105(b)(1), and where it appears in the first sentence of Section 63-19-105(b)(2), and the word “certification” shall not be changed to “licensure” where it first appears in the last sentence of Section 63-19-105(b)(1).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e) Any person who possesses a certificate or temporary certificate issued by the board shall be deemed to possess a license or temporary license, respectively. At the time of renewal, a certificate-holder who is approved for renewal shall receive a license from the board rather than a renewal of his or her certificate.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-201(b)(4), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of that subdivision, by placing a period “.” after the word “association” and by adding the following words and punctuation at the end of that subdivision:

The committee may, in its discretion, waive or modify the continuing medical education requirement in cases of retirement, illness, disability or other undue hardship.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-201(b)(7), is amended by adding the following language at the end of that subdivision:

When sanctions are imposed on a licensee pursuant to this subdivision, the licensee may, in addition, be required to pay the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case, including the costs incurred and assessed for the time of the prosecuting attorney(s), the investigator(s) and any other persons involved in the investigation, prosecution and hearing of the case. The committee may limit, restrict or impose one (1) or more conditions on a license at the time it is issued, renewed or reinstated, or as a sanction imposed at the conclusion of a disciplinary hearing.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.